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**PERSIAN GULF: Tensions Remain High**

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Moscow has warned the US of the threat of Iranian defiance.

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Earlier this week a Soviet Foreign Ministry official told the US Embassy that during recent talks the Iranians were in an ugly mood and, believing that Lebanon had proved the US would withdraw in the face of significant losses, were ready for a confrontation.

[REDACTED] Iran is constructing what possibly is another Silkworm missile launchsite 15 miles (24 kilometers) south of Kuhestak near Sirik.

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The Soviet official seemed to be nonpolemical and apparently was attempting to depict the Iranian attitude accurately. Sirik is one of many coastal artillery sites along the Strait of Hormuz.

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